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Tammy Smith, Scot Hamilton, and Craig Smith cheer on the participants at the annual Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament on Sunday, July 21. See more photos on pages 4 and 5. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

AH updates dog control rules

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

A dog can be declared a dangerous animal after two independent investigations following a biting incident in Algonquin Highlands.

That was one of the details discussed when council met July 18 as part of a revised draft dog control bylaw.

Robert Mascia, municipal law enforcement officer, and Greg Moore, the township's chief building official, brought the proposed revision to council.

Regarding the dangerous dog declaration, Councillor Lisa Barry said her understanding was that such a designation was made by healthcare or public health officials following somebody having been bitten.

"Then there was a visit to the (owner's) house to collect information, to make a

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Dog owners can appeal bylaw ruling

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report, and to meet said animal," she said. "Is any of that still going to be in place or is that just now the person that's making the declaration and our staff?"

"That declaration, the hospital and the health unit have their own forms that they would send over," said Mascia. "The declaration that we would be using is for the witness and the (bite) victim at that point."

Barry said her concern is that the complaint may have stemmed from some sort of dispute between neighbours. One neighbour is looking for "leverage" over another.

"And they're going to make a declaration where there isn't actual proof of the incident through either the health unit or the hospital," she said.

Mascia said such a dispute would be tempered by two simultaneous investigations into an alleged dog bite incident.

"The health unit would investigate as well as we would," he said. "We would take that declaration, but the declaration is just basically a witness statement. They (health officials) are not declaring it dangerous."

Angie Bird, the township's CAO, said that's an important detail.

"It isn't a member of the public that's able to make a declaration," Bird said. "They submit a form that describes what they witnessed and the township makes the declaration."

"And the investigation will still continue with the health unit?" said Barry.

"They would conduct their investigation and we would conduct our own and then collaborate," Mascia said.

"So the two different investigations happen independently and then there's a meeting of the minds," Mayor Liz Danielsen said.

Coun. Sabrina Richards said the health officials can only enforce a muzzle order for 10 days following a biting incident. She wondered how long a similar order issued by the township would remain in place.

"The muzzle order would be in place indefinitely and the dog owner would have a chance to come before council through a delegation to seek an appeal," Mascia said.

Barry said her understanding that the 10 day muzzle order by the health unit was to rule out rabies infection in the animal. She questions what gives the municipality the authority to impose an indefinite dangerous animal declaration.

Mascia said authority is rooted in the Dog Owners' Liability Act.

"The 10-day quarantine is strictly (by the) health unit," he said. "We don't have a say on that."

"But the owner does have an opportunity to come and appeal based on the performance of the dog if there haven't been any subsequent issues," Danielsen.

"The health unit quarantine is for disease transmission," Moore said. "It has nothing to do with the outcome of the bite."

A muzzle order is to ensure the public's safety, Moore said.

Danielsen said such an issue hasn't arisen in the municipality. The bylaw and the dangerous animal mechanism therein is merely to ensure the township has that option should it be required.

Barry said she's heard complaints from residents about roaming cats invading people's garages and damaging property.

"I just wonder are we just picking on dogs today or is there an opportunity for some sort of consideration (about cats)?" Barry said. "I know that there can be damage to people's property from cats."

"We're not picking on dogs," Bird said, and added that the Dog Control Bylaw is merely being updated.

Danielsen said there's been issues with rogue donkeys, goats, and pigs.

"We are having more small hobby farms and there are properties in Algonquin Highlands where there's a variety of animals," she said. "Is there any mechanism for you guys to deal with that?"

Moore said there's been two complaints about animals other than dogs. And he's aware some municipalities have legislation that governs keeping exotic animals.

"That would be entirely up to council," he said.

Brent Devolin has passed

Former Mayor of Minden Hills and Warden of Haliburton County, Brent Devolin, has passed away.

The *Minden Times* received the news on July 22, through a Facebook post by Barry Devolin, stating "At 4:26 p.m. today my brother Brent passed away from a progressive terminal brain disease at Toronto Western Hospital ... " Brent was surrounded by family at the time of his passing.

Our condolences are with his family and friends at this time. Please see upcoming coverage on the life and times of Brent Devolin and his contributions to our community.

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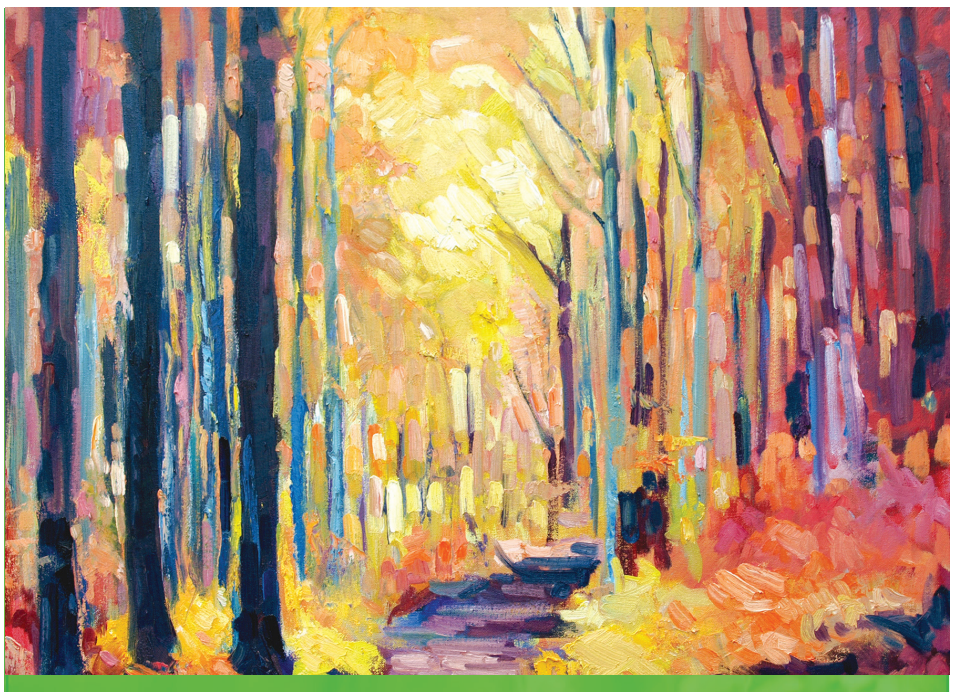
A refresh
A hummingbird stops by for a drink. /Photo by Guenter Horst



An excavator sits beside the drill rig used to drill underneath Highway 118 for the brand new culvert.

Keith Thomas (second from the left) from Francis Thomas Contracting, Braithwaite Drilling, and representatives from MTO pose with the finished culvert. /Submitted

Carnarvon culvert first of its kind in Ontario

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The concept of installing a culvert under a road by drilling underneath has been thought of for many years. This would allow the culvert to be installed without having to build detours or bypasses, said Keith Thomas, owner of Francis Thomas Contracting.

"This in particular was the first of its kind in Ontario. It has been used in other countries and other provinces, but it is the first of its kind in Ontario," said Thomas. "The Ministry of Transportation was quite interested in it as a test, so they started putting the process together a few years ago. It has taken that long to get boots on the ground."

What they ended up doing was building a small trail to the base of the grade," explained Thomas. Braithwaite Drilling, a company from Ennismore, Ontario were advised to contact Francis Thomas Contracting to assist with the job of installing a new culvert on Highway 118.

Braithwaite Drilling also hired The Tunneling Company from British Columbia.

"The process was to be done between the two long weekends. Starting around the first week of June, they had a three week window to do the job. One of the pieces they sent up from B.C. wasn't proper so they had to send another piece, so it held us up a bit. Without the hold ups the job would have went a lot quicker," explained Thomas.

The job was finished just after the long weekend.

"For this culvert, the valleys or gorges that the roads were built through are such high gorges and long spreads that they'd have to build a road beside the existing road," said Thomas. The process would involve digging the road out, taking the culvert out, and building a detour. The cost of installing the culvert using this method is much quicker and cost effective, said Thomas.

"It doesn't matter if it is bedrock or rock fill, it will drill right through it."

Francis Thomas Contracting was onsite from start to finish

"We built the access trail to get the machine down there and did all the craning to get the machine in and set it up," said Thomas. The process involved driving the piece of pipe for six metres, undue the augur, pull the augur back and put another piece of pipe, weld everything together and drive the drill for another six metres. Upon completion, the culvert installed was around 45 metres or 150 feet, said Thomas.

"There is still a repair to do to the surface of the road. It is a minor repair, about a day and a half repair. The road settled a bit from the shaking and where we put the pipe through. We will have to cut the asphalt, remove the gravel and put it back in. The MTO is still adamant that this is way cheaper than the alternative," said Thomas.

"When it was developed for the rail lines, they basically don't have to stop the rail, it just keeps moving. I believe it has taken a little while to sell the concept to MTO engineering. Everything has been time. Traditionally, we have dug the roads up and dealt with it. Our infrastructure has been getting old and I guess they have been looking at ways to fix the old infrastructure."

> "It doesn't matter if it is bedrock or rock fill, it will drill right through it."
>
> **— KEITH THOMAS, OWNER OF FRANCIS THOMAS CONTRACTING**

"It was a lot of learning for myself. The whole concept was new, it was definitely cool," said Thomas. "If the MTO higher ups and everybody agrees that the people are onsite, it has been proven that it works and should be done more now."

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- **July 25 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **August 8 – Regular Council Meeting**
- **August 29 – Regular Council Meeting**

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- The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us for daily tours and drop-in program: Participate in some Early Settler Baking on Thurs. July 25 at 11 am, make ice-cream at the Friday Creamery on Fri. July 26 at 2 pm and learn how to Croquet a Square on Sat. July 27 at 12 pm. Visit our website at https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/News/media-release-24-50-programs-and-activities-at-the-minden-hills-cultural-centre-july-2024.aspx for a full list of daily programs.
- Join us on Friday, July 26 at 1 pm for a free screening of Madagascar. This family-friendly movie is presented free of charge by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library – Minden Branch.

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Remembering Dawson Hamilton

Scot Hamilton fist bumps a young player. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

"It was great. It was a long, long day but it was wonderful," said Tammy Smith, organizer of the Minden Minor Baseball League.

On Sunday July 21, the Minden Minor Baseball League held their annual Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament.

Around 300 people came to the event throughout the day on Sunday, said Smith.

"Record attendance this year," said Craig Smith.

Craig and Tammy Smith have been heavily involved with the Minden Minor Baseball League for over 20 years. After taking it over from the township, the Minden Minor Baseball League became a nonprofit in 2018.

The Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament honours the late Dawson Hamilton. He passed nine days before his tenth birthday in 2010. That year, the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Baseball Tournament was started in his honour.

"He was our son's best friend," said Smith. He was very close to us. We started it to keep his name and his memory around forever."

Dawson's father Scot was in attendance on Sunday.

"He came at 9 a.m. and he left at 4 p.m.," said Smith. "Throughout the day, people came up and shared stories about Dawson."

The tournament allows the Minden Minor Baseball League to honour Dawson's legacy and gives the opportunity for the newest and youngest generation to get to know him and his impact on the community.

"Everybody gets to play on the big diamond and they get to bring home a medal. It's a nice thing for the kids," said Smith.

Jamie Crow, a volunteer coach for the Minden Minor Baseball League has 14 medals from playing and coaching with the league.

Throughout the day, Smith, Crow and other participants shared their stories and memories about Dawson. How active he was in sports, his energy, and his excitement.

"If he was here, he would be running this league," said Smith.

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Bye bye Biden

ON THURSDAY, June 27 we all had the pleasure to watch the debate between Trump and Biden. The traditionalist versus the baby boomer. Both debaters were pathetic to watch. With one candidate, the convicted felon, never directly answering any questions and throwing accusations and straw man arguments left and right. The other, someone who could barely stand up for himself when he had the lowest hanging fruit in front of him. Trump was found guilty of 34 felony charges involved with falsifying records in the Stormy Daniels-Donald Trump Scandal. Trump was also in regular contact with convicted sex offender, pedophile, and sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein. While the republicans seem too drunk on the kool aid to see Trump for the man he really is, Biden should also be blamed for his lack of backbone. While Trump barely said anything of substance, Biden somehow said even less. The debate held on June 27 had no winners. The United States of America was the biggest loser.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

On Sunday July 21, Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. announced that he will not be accepting the democratic party's nomination. This came as a shock to me. While neither candidate did well at the debate, one of the candidates flat out lied. Frequently. It turns out that the American people are too smitten by his bravado and blissful ignorance. It is too bad that the democrats can feel shame regarding their presidential candidate, pressuring Biden into quitting his run for presidency. The debate between Trump and Biden feels like it took place months ago. Yet, it was only 4 weeks ago. The attempted assassination of Donald Trump also feels like a distant memory. It has already become old news.

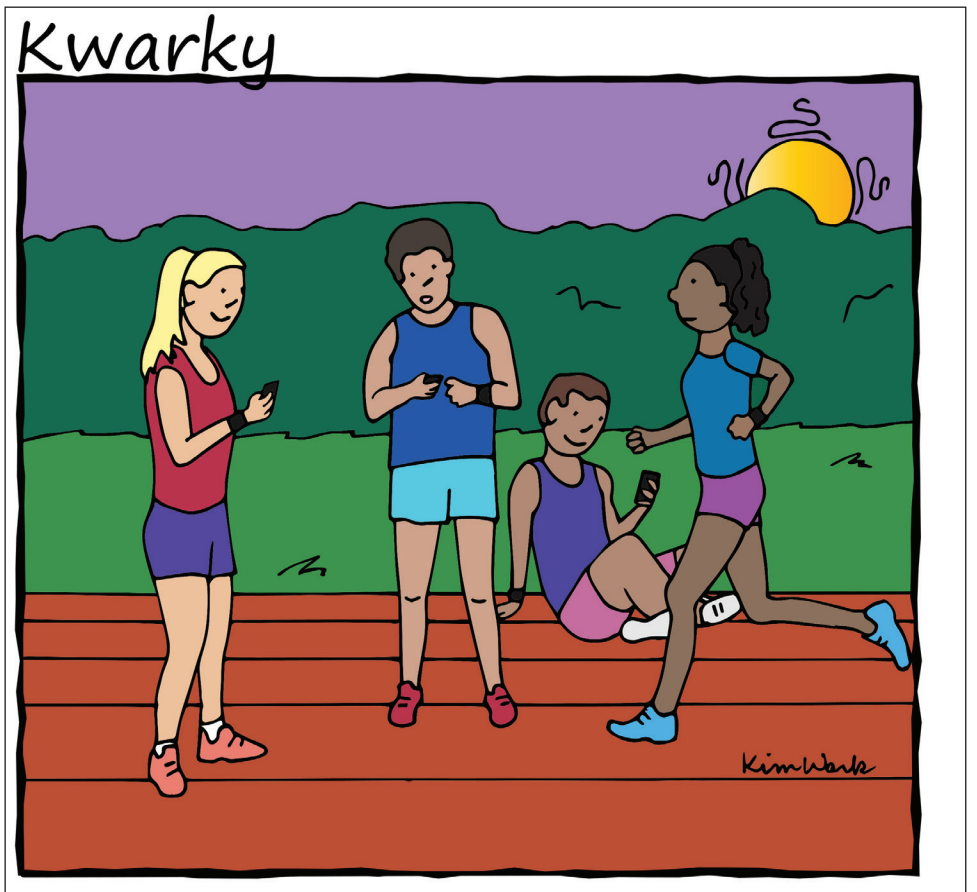
Biden has just announced Kamala Harris, his vice president will be his nominee for the Democratic Party this year. Kamala Haris is the first African-American and first Asian-American vice president in the history of the United States of America. I am cautiously optimistic that the United States of America is ready for Harris to become the 47th president of the United States of America.

Hillary Clinton was close to becoming the first ever female president. In 2016, Clinton won the popular vote by 2.8 million votes.

What I would consider 'fair' is that if a candidate receives more votes in a country, they should represent that country.

Whether it is Gavin Newsom, Mark Kelly, or someone else, Harris will have to be careful in her selection for vice president. Personally, I am hoping for the astronaut and husband of Gabby Giffords (survivor of the 2011 Tuscon shooting).

Hopefully the people who were saying that both of the candidates were too old, come out to vote on election day for Harris. Kamala Harris, at 59 years old, is a youthful rejuvenation that the oval office needs. After the overturning of Roe v. Wade in 2022, it is baffling that any woman in America would choose to vote for Trump in 2024.



"Intervals tonight. Run hard for one minute; post a pic for one minute."

Fishing with kids (Part 2)

A lot of people will provide advice on how to fish with kids and the strategies required to keep them interested and occupied. That's fine and dandy.

But very few people talk about the most difficult part of fishing with kids. I'm talking about how to get them to hang onto a fish they caught long enough so that you can take a photo of them with it, so you can send it to your son in law as proof that your grandson actually caught a nice fish with his grandfather.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

I will use the nice smallmouth bass my 7-year-old grandson Hudson caught yesterday as a case study on the dos and don'ts of the project.

It began simply enough – with me saying the wrong thing.

I said, "Oh buddy, that's a monster."

This, I'm sad to say, set the wrong tone.

I should have told him the fish had kind eyes and wanted to be his friend.

But no. I said monster.

That made it difficult for me to make a rock solid case for putting his thumb in its mouth and holding it by the bottom lip for a photo.

After all, who wants to put their thumb in the mouth of a "monster."

It did not matter that I showed him how to do it at least three times or that I pointed out that my thumb was un-mangled every time. The die had been cast.

I then, told him he could dangle the hapless bass by the fishing line, thereby keeping its fearsome teeth away from his digits.

Have you ever tried to take an in-focus photo of a pendulum?

The truth is, after about 10 seconds of this I was getting sleepy. Very sleepy.

Luckily, before hypnosis was complete, I snapped a few photos of what appeared to be a terrified kid in process of trying to make a grown man clap his fins together like a seal and yelp, "Arf! Arf!".

Luckily it never got that far, though I did feel the sudden urge for sushi.

Afterwards, I let the fish go, because, like me, I felt it had suffered enough.

The next fish fared no better – although we did take a different approach. This time I attempted to take a photo that would show an action shot of both fish and grandson flopping around on the bottom of the boat – both interestingly enough, trying to avoid each other.

That fish also went back in the water after a photo. But I swear the look in its eyes indicated it was feeling sorry for me.

There were a few more attempts at photos but to no avail. So, on the last fish, I decided to put my phone in video mode. I figured at least at some point I would get a clear shot of my young grandson and the fish.

I guess it worked well enough too. Because as soon as we got home, I sent a video to my son-in-law of his son (and my grandson) holding a decent little bass by the line as it swung like a pendulum back and forth.

After I sent the video, I initiated a video-chat and I immediately asked, "Well, what do you think now?"

He just clapped his hands together and said, "Arf! Arf!"

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Naming and claiming

CELINE DION, in Adrienne Arsenault's interview with her after Celine bared her soul and exposed the fine points of her illness in the in-depth documentary that is hitting the air waves now, says that the 17 years between when she knew something weird and not good was happening to her body, and receiving the diagnosis of Stiff Body Syndrome, were the toughest ever. She finds having a diagnosis, even one that is terminal and predicts a ghastly end, a relief. She finds comfort in naming and claiming.

That resounded strongly with me with respect to my husband's sojourn with dementia, which was reluctantly diagnosed by the medical world three years before his death, twelve years after I'd put a name to what was making him different than the man I'd married. Once I'd named the interloper that was changing our relationship, I could deal with the reality. This is also what Celine is saying about her diagnosis.

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

I think a lot about the politics of naming. Paulo Freire, my philosophical guru, held that what differentiated humans from other sentient beings was their ability to name their world in order to change it. That simple fact can be used for good or evil. For good: encouraging people to name their reality differently is basic to all talk therapy. For bad: much political rhetoric – Canada is broke, the enemy are animals, refugees are rapists, gays are pedophiles, abortionists are murderers – seeds hatred and division that undermines community at all levels of organization, right up to the exercise of democracy.

What differentiates good from evil in the name game? It's intent. The purpose for which one chooses a name for something reflects a moral choice. For example, someone different than you moves in next door. They can be 'those people'. Or they can be 'my new neighbours'. Or we can reference Celine's choice: her diagnosis could be named 'a horrible death' or, as she chose, 'an opportunity to prepare my children for how they will lose me'. The naming of her diagnosis, its inevitability, provided a certainty that allowed her to set goals, in her case helping her children live with her illness, and herself managing the illness sufficiently well that she can return to singing and again enjoy the energy her fans give her. We could call that closure.

Or we could call it agency, asserting an 'I' that can 'do', an energy that can direct that which is within our control, and accept that which is not (and, to round out the trilogy, develop the wisdom to know the difference). Agency is the name Freire gave to the human capacity to name the world to change it. Naming changes how you see the world, which creates the choices you perceive as available, allows you to consider relative strengths and weaknesses, and this analysis informs, some would say determines, behaviour. There's no return policy with behaviour: it changes the world.

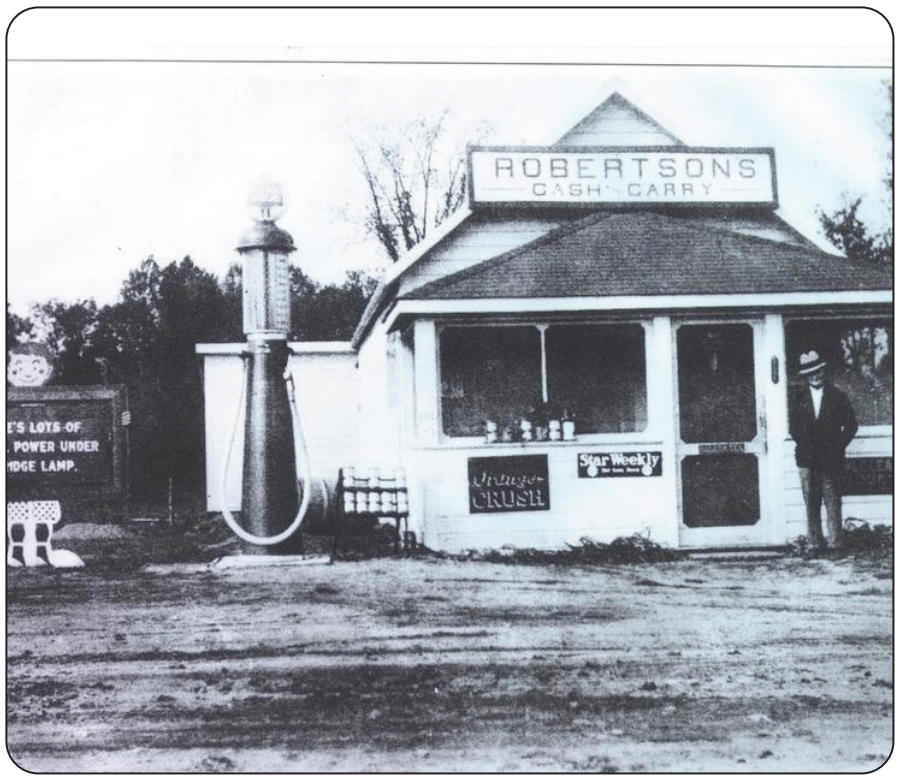
Agency implies intent and therefore responsibility. That's the claiming part of the deal. Intent doesn't – unfortunately – mean you always get it right. It means you have the opportunity to learn from mistakes. When you assume responsibility for the choices you make, you examine them for learning.

I call this the Freire two-step, and believe that it describes sparsely but adequately how life proceeds. First you act, and then you reflect on your actions, and based on how your view of reality changes as a consequence of your analysis, you choose the next action that you think will get you from where you are to where you want to be. Step by step – act, reflect, act, reflect -- you plot your path, create your life, change your world, change the world in which you exist, both internally and externally. Simple but elegant: don't dismiss it until you've let it roll around in your mind for awhile.

The two-step is also a handy way to diagnose and deal with stuckness, but unpacking that is for another time. The two-step is a dance: this is is about learning to dance through life.

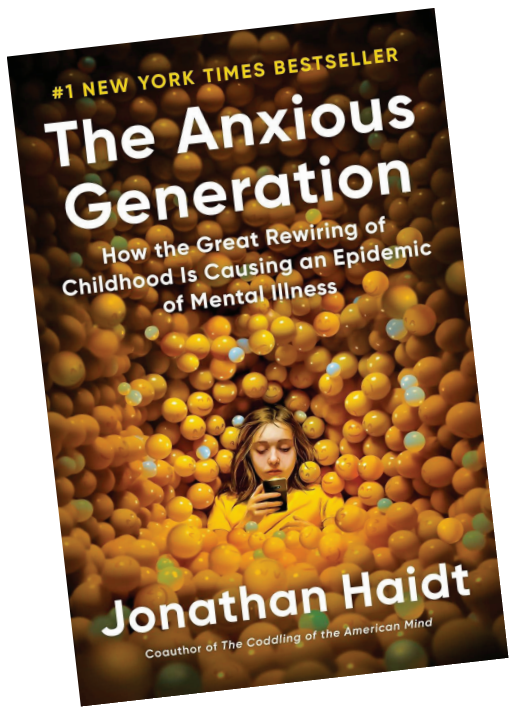
For seventeen years, Celine Dion posed symptoms as problems to be solved. Her grit and creativity was amazingly effective and hugely admirable. When she got a name for what was taking over her body, while the treatment probably didn't change very much (I haven't seen the full documentary), her attitude did. She delivered herself up to the intimate invasion of a documentary about her current life with grace and humility, using her agency to continue to change the world.

Minden Memories



Likely from the late twenties or early thirties, Mr. J.H. Robertson stood in front of his store in Ingoldsby. The old-style, gravity feed gas pump is visible. Advertisements for Orange Crush, the Star Weekly newspaper, and Maple Leaf Flour decorate the storefront. A sign promoting a new lamp declares, "There is lots of scandal power under a bridge lamp." /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week


#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
The Anxious Generation
How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness
Jonathan Haidt
Coauthor of The Coddling of the American Mind

After more than a decade of stability or improvement, the mental health of adolescents plunged in the early 2010s. Rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide rose sharply, more than doubling on many measures. Why?

In The Anxious Generation, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt lays out the facts about the epidemic of teen mental illness that hit many countries at the same time. He then investigates the nature of childhood, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into competent, thriving adults. Most important, Haidt issues a clear call to action. He diagnoses the "collective action problems" that trap us, and then proposes four simple rules that might set us free.

The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Grants fill FEEL's bucket for children's programs

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Volunteers of the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning stop for a photo in front of FEEL's new trailer to make the Children's Water Festival mobile thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation grants. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

The Haliburton - Muskoka - Kawartha Lakes Children's Water Festival has gone mobile thanks to Ontario government grants.

Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) has received two grants totaling $79,000 for the purchase of a covered trailer and to begin new strategic planning.

The first was a $13,000 Capital Ontario Trillium Foundation grant awarded over six months beginning last fall, and the second is a two- year $66,000 Resilient Communities Grant that began this spring.

Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock MPP Laurie Scott joined members of FEEL and Children's Water Festival volunteers on Wednesday, July 10 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton to check out the new trailer and celebrate the beginning of going mobile.

"Our government is proud to help Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning extend these important water care experiences to even more regional families, schools, and communities in the years to come," Scott said. "Together, we are building a future where children and communities understand, appreciate, and protect our precious water resources."

The Children's Water Festival has been running for the past 15 years as an event to encourage elementary school children from Trillium Lakelands District School Board to become water stewards.

The festival consists of hands-on activities to learn about water and the natural world around them.

"Whether it's helping people learn new things, connect with their community, or simply have fun, organizations like the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning deliver experiences that make a difference," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "That's why grant support through the Ontario Trillium Foundation is so important. This funding will help ensure that it remains at the heart of the community for decades to come."

It is held at Kinark Outdoor Centre every fall, but now, this event can be brought around the county.

"Initial trials of offering a few of their hands-on activities at public events and in partnerships with local libraries and the Kushog Lake Association went well. The trailer, additional staff time and fundraising plan involved in the OTF investment promise to carry important water care inspiring experiences to more regional families, schools, cottagers and regional communities in the seasons and years to come," said a FEEL press release.

With the second grant, they plan to begin a strategic plan and update fundraising strategies.

"FEEL's mission is to advance the public's awareness, understanding and appreciation of ecosystems through education. Their volunteers from within regional communities, secondary and post-secondary programs enjoy learning exchanges and connections in giving back to water that gives life."

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Tom Green prepares a decoration in his studio. Tom Green's Glass Eagle Studio is one of many artist studios on the Tour de Forest route this year. There are 25 artists for art lovers to visit, check out their work, and enjoy the day. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Tour de Forest brings art to the Highlands

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Tom Green, owner of Glass Eagle Studios came up with the idea of the Tour de Forest with some friends over glasses of wine. Green was previously living in the Niagara area, before moving to Minden.

"The casino came to Niagara. There were 25 houses bulldozed and mine was one of them, to make room for the parking lot for the casino," said Green. "We came to the Haliburton Craft Show that year, I'd been travelling and doing shows for years. On our way home from the Show, we saw the for sale sign on the corner. This house sat derelict for 50 years, there were no windows or doors, you could walk right through it, it was just a shell." An offer was put into a real estate agent in Minden. After arriving home, there was a message on the answering machine.

"Long story short, we came to check out the Craft Show and came back with a house," said Green with a laugh.

Green's house and studio was a one room schoolhouse. It took around two years to repair the dilapidated building. His studio, Glass Eagle Studio showcases his master craftsmanship work in stained glass and glassblowing.

"It would have been easier to bulldoze it

"We were in the Fall Studio Tour already, we thought maybe there was another chance to sell our art in the spring or the summertime. We came up with Tour de Forest, it's just a play on words from tour de force," said Green.

"I've been on the tour since its inception 18 years ago. We have anywhere from 20 to 30 artists every year."

This year, the Tour de Forest will feature 25 artists across 11 studios in Haliburton County.

"We are a tour that encourages guest artists and younger artists to join and to see if they are interested in doing the tours," said Green.

"We all have at least one or two, sometimes three or four guest artists at our locations," said Green. "The original thought was that the artists had to have a connection to the artists. Whether they cottage here or have friends who cottage here, it is pretty loosey goosey. Most are from the area but we have three or four that are from out of town."

"There was only one tour here for years, that was the fall tour. If you couldn't get on that tour, because you have to apply and there is a jury, then what were you going to do? So we invented this tour to accommodate some of those people who might not necessarily get on the fall tour. At the time, they needed to have $30,000 worth of art."

> We are a tour that encourages guest artists and younger artists to join.
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> — TOM GREEN, LOCAL ARTIST AND OWNER OF GLASS EAGLE STUDIO

"The main reason we do guest artists is to save people money. Our guests, who are driving around, they don't have to drive to so many places" said Green. "This tour has eleven spots." Green assures that with guest artists, visitors will see the same amount of art as the Studio Tour that happens in the fall.

"Artists get to have their work known and out there. If they are not known or if they are on the outskirts of Haliburton, they can come in and be part of a tour that is recognized and has been running for years," said Green. "There are people that are coming on the tour that won't buy art at the gallery or artisans market. They specifically come to the Studio Tour, so they get a new group of people added to their audience."

This year marks the 18th annual Haliburton County Tour de Forest. The summer studio tour will have artists that specialize in jewelry, paintings, stained glass, pyrography, pottery, and much more. A preview of artist's work and artist statements can be found at haliburtontourdeforest.com. The Tour de Forest takes place on August 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with studio locations throughout Haliburton County. Cash and cheques are accepted at all studios. Debit and credit is only accepted at some, though e-transfers are often welcomed.

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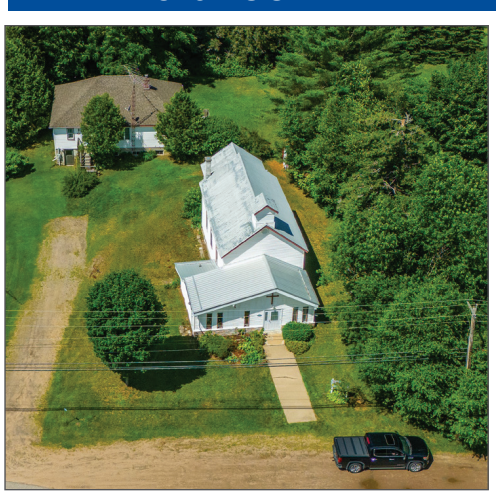

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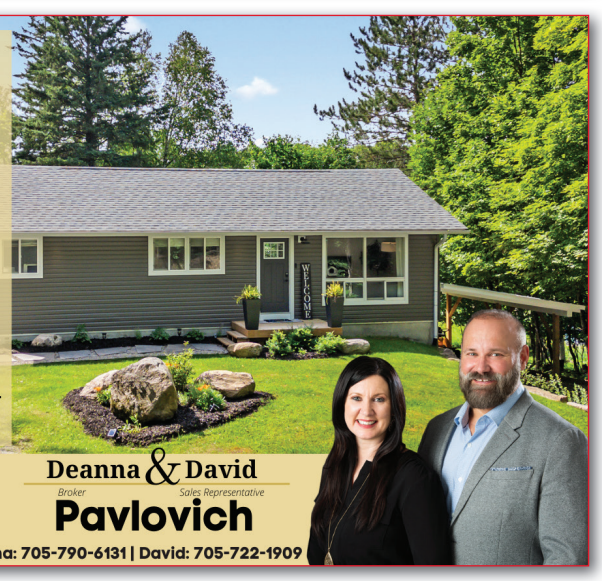

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Local NHL player Matt Duchene's team stops for a photo at his Charity Golf Classic fundraiser tournament for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on Friday, July 19 at Blairhampton Golf Club. From left are Alex Monk-Cray, Ryan Bottum, Matt Duchene, and Keaton Gadway . /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Alex Monk-Cray watches his ball after the first drive of the tournament.

Jason Kelly putts onto the green of his team's first hole at the tournament.

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When: July 27, 10 a.m.
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Minden & District Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting

When: August 6, 6 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St.
Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the speaker will start at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker Carol Pasternak will be discussing 'Raising Monarch Butterflies'. Interested youth are welcome to attend the speaker portion of this meeting. The speaker will be followed by the monthly society meeting. "The Junior Members Program will meet at the Minden Community Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Junior Members program is for children in Grade 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

Toad House Building Workshop

When: Saturday August 10, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens- across from the horse paddock
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When: Saturday Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Barnum Creek Reserve
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Kennisis River housing project moves closer to fruition

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

The proponent of a residential subdivision in Algonquin Highlands has been checking off requirements for the project's draft approval.

Greg Bishop of Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd. is working to finalize conditions for a draft approval for the subdivision along Kennisis River north of Halls Lake. It will be comprised of 17 residential lots and a municipal road.

It's the diversion of that proposed township road that was discussed during township council's July 18 meeting.

The most recent chore is the necessity to move the existing subdivision access with the county road westerly towards a single lane bridge that crosses the river.

The construction of the new entrance is nearing completion. He said the county has already indicated their satisfaction with the intersection location.

The change in this intersection with the subdivision road, Hawk Valley Road, and the county road requires the deeding of a portion of other lands owned by Bishop's company to the municipality.

And it was Bishop's hope that the township would take title to the piece of new road. The proposed road is indicated on plans to be wider than the standard 20 metres of existing thoroughfares.

"What we did is we took in Hydro," he said, and added that his concern was that the utility would demand an easement wider than the standard measure.

"We went five metres behind the (Hydro) pole line so we could include the pole line," Bishop said.

The question about a water supply for the subdivision was at the building permit stage.

"With the river there, you can always get water," Bishop said.

A contractor has since been tapped to begin drilling wells for the subdivision.

"We don't want to put properties for sale unless we know the wells are there and that they've got supply," Bishop said.

The contractor, who will drill as many as five wells, has experience working in the Hawk Valley Road area and doesn't believe there will be a problems with water access.

"It's exciting to see this moving forward," Mayor Liz Danielsen said. "I know that everything takes time, but it's really good to see it moving forward."

In response to Danielsen's query, Bishop said he didn't want to do any presales of subdivision lots.

"I wanted to make sure I had Hydro," he said. "I wanted to make sure I had everything in place."

Sales might start in September, but he's like to have about four wells drilled before that.

"I've never done it that way before," he said. "Usually, once you get subdivision draft approval you can start selling."

Lot sales means the implementation of rigid schedules for closing and whatnot.

"I just decided let's just get it bulletproof so that there's less things for a prospective purchaser to worry about bumping the sale. Hydro really was the key."

Instances in the past have been that sales were bumped because the Hydro crowd were six months late on their end of the work.

Danielsen gave kudos for Bishop's decision to put wells in before lots are sold.

"That's just one thing that the buyers won't have to worry about and it gives assurances to everybody that there's adequate water supply," she said.

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Have you ever day-dreamed about sharing a house with friends? Oakview Coliving is hosting an information day for the "coliving curious" on Saturday, Aug. 17. All proceeds are for the benefit of Places for People, a leader in affordable housing.

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The information day draws on Oakview Coliving's experience to reveal the joys and challenges of coliving. You'll learn about the hurdles of establishing a shared residence, finances, legal structure, and the rhythms of daily life in a shared community. You'll have the opportunity to tour the property, view the available unit, and meet the nine current residents.

Registration is at 10 a.m. sharp and the program runs until 3 p.m. The cost is $25 (until August 3, $30 after) and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by Aug 10. Visit oakviewcoliving.com for details.

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Grethe Jensen, Greg Hebert, Mardi Tindal, Anna Schmiegelow smile on the dock of Oakview Coliving. Greg Hebert and Anna Schmiegelow converted the Oakview Lodge and Marina to a coliving residence last year. /Submitted

A local connection

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Way and her band have brought Canada many great concerts, including last years world premiere of Early Morning Rain (The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot) and audience favourite, Across the Pond (The British Invasion). Way's Canada 150 concert toured to 44 cities across the country, and Sweet Dreams (Patsy Cline), and Rhinestone Cowgirl (Dolly Parton), are critically acclaimed and well-loved by audiences everywhere. And now, Way celebrates the legendary stars of the Grand Ole Opry by raising the roof with the hottest country songs from the last few decades,

The Grand Ole Opry began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925, and is now a live entertainment phenomenon. Opry Gold takes the audience on that journey, when Nashville's radio station WSM became the first all country music station featuring stars like Bill Monroe, and The Carter Family, through the rise of stars like Dolly Parton, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, George Jones and Tammy Wynette, to today's great country stars like Shania Twain, Keith Urban, Taylor Swift, Garth Brooks, and The Zac Brown Band.

Brant Garratt, Jack Gaughan, Alex George, and Al Braatz, (with Bruce Ley on piano and Don Reid on drums). /Submitted

Show creator Leisa Way (who was recently awarded the Toronto Musician of the Year award and graced the cover of International Musician Magazine), grew up in northern Ontario, surrounded by country music. Way spent 6 years in the Maritimes starring as "Anne" in Anne of Green Gables at the Charlottetown Festival, and spent the next 25 years touring the country in musicals and plays. With Opry Gold, she returns to her roots. As a child, Leisa remembers tuning in to shows like The Tommy Hunter Show and Ronnie Prophet Show – both tv shows that her musical arranger and pianist, Bruce Ley, happened to be the piano player on! Bruce has played for artists like Dolly Parton, Chet Atkins & Brenda Lee amongs hundreds of others. Her multi-talented band includes Ley, along with vocalist/guitarist Brant Garratt (rising star vocalist with Duke Street Turnaround, and incredible flat-picking guitarist); Al Braatz on bass (vocalist, musician and lead actor in the film *That is All*, winner of best feature film in the Toronto Independent Film Festival in 2019); Toronto big band and theatre player Don Reid on drums, and recent Humber College grads Jack Gaughan and Alex George (Natalie McMaster), are rising talents on the music scene. Jack is a guitarist/vocalist from Huntsville who made headlines at age 13 when he covered Stevie Ray Vaughn's Grammy nominated instrumental song "Rude Mood"; and Alex is a fiddler from near Ottawa, who has worked with Natalie McMaster and is an up-and-coming rising star in the Canadian music scene. When these fellas vocalize, the audience is treated to world-class harmonies and solos.

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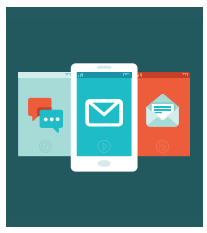

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Hodgson, Shirley May

May 2, 1927 – July 9, 2024

The Hodgson family wishes to announce the peaceful passing of our mother, grandma, great-grandmother, aunt and friend at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at the age of 97 years.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents Wesley and Velma Hamilton, her husband R. Glen Hodgson (1996 – former M.P.P. Victoria-Haliburton 1963-1975), brother Gordon Hamilton, and sisters Trudi Wallace, Dorothy Hamilton, Margaret Frank. Loving mother of Martin (Pat) Hodgson, Keith (Kim) Hodgson, Marianne (Dwain) Tighe, Lenard (Mona) Hodgson; grandmother of Leanne (Dave) Stodulka, Adam Hodgson, Curtis (Melissa) Tighe and great-grandmother to Clayton and Emily Tighe. Adored by Edward (Ted) Matthews, her partner of 15 years while living in Tillsonburg.

As the wife of a politician, Shirley knew how to "work a room" with her wit, sense of humour and likeable, friendly personality. From an early age, Shirley was motivated to write poems about what she learned in school, observed in nature or read in the newspaper. She said the poems just flowed from her pen once the idea came to her and so published a book of her poetry titled "Woven Words" to leave as her legacy.
While living in Haliburton with her husband Glen, Shirley belonged to Eastern Star, the curling club, and the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild. Shirley was a spinner and weaver – one of her best projects, a coverlet woven on a 100-inch loom, appears as the cover of her poetry book. She also loved to knit sweaters for Teddy Bears and gave away over 100 bears to family and new babies in her neighbourhood. Shirley moved from Haliburton to Tillsonburg in 2005 where she joined the Tillsonburg Weavers & Spinners Guild, continued to write poetry with a small group of poets, and enjoyed playing bridge at the Senior's Centre.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude and appreciation for the care and compassion shown to Shirley by Dr. Roth, Dr. Weiss, the TDMH staff in the ER, 2 North & 2 South and to the caring and dedicated staff of the Tillsonburg Retirement Residence as well as CarePartners. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and interment will be in Haliburton. Please join our family in a Celebration of Shirley's Life to take place in Tillsonburg at The Carriage Hall, 25 Brock St. W., Tillsonburg on Wednesday August 28th from 1 to 4 p.m.
A Celebration of Shirley's Life will also be held in Haliburton at the The Community Room of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, 13523 Hwy #118 on Saturday September 21st from 1 to 4 p.m.

For those wishing to make a memorial donation, please consider the TDMH Foundation (www.tillsonburghospital.on.ca/give-back-donate) or the Haliburton Highlands Museum (www.dysartetal.ca/en/explore-and-play/museum.aspx) Messages of condolences and special memories can be shared at www.ostrandersfuneralhome.com

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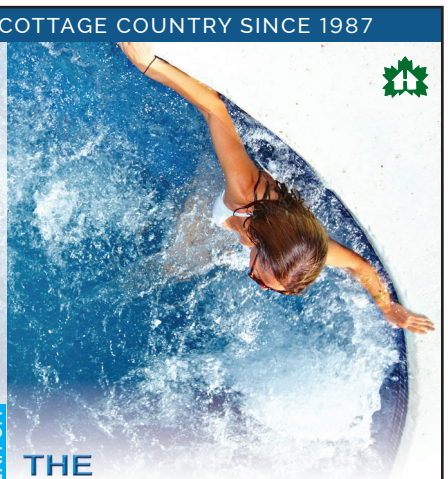

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Helipad work should start this week

by Jerry Grozelle

Completion of the helipad at the new Minden Hospital site is expected to be at least a month away. Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Foster Loucks said he had heard community concerns regarding when the helipad would be built and in service.

"Site preparation is scheduled to start next week," Loucks said at Thursday's meeting of the HHHS Board. He noted that the electrical work, including burying the hydro lines, will have to be done before actual construction of the landing pad can get under way.

On a positive note, negotiations with the contractor have reduced the costs by $11,000.

Good financial news

When the Stewardship and Resources Committee of the HHHS completed its budget for 2001-2002 it was expecting a deficit of $482,000. Recent announcements from the provincial government have eliminated that deficit and the Board expects to end the next fiscal year in the black, barring any unforseen expenses.

"We will continue with the operating plan," said Don DeMaio, Chair of the Stewardship and Resources Com-

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To market, to market

A farmers' market is coming to Minden.

With the assistance of the Haliburton County Advisory Committee on Marketing and Economic Diversification, members of the local agricultural community will gather on Minden's Village Green this Saturday to sell the produce of their gardens, orchards and woodlots.

"The idea of a farmers' market came up during a discussion at the committee," market co-ordinator Stu Brandon said. "I offered to see if there was enough interest and received a favourable response from the farming community."

The August 4 market will be the first of three scheduled for this season. The others are set for September 1 and October 6, all holiday weekends. The group plans to hold a market day at the Haliburton County Fall Fair Au-

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Next edition of The Times appears Tuesday

The next edition of The Times will be published on Tuesday, August 7, since the Civic Holiday falls next Monday. Deadlines for next week's newspaper remain the same. Please have classified advertisements to our office by noon on Thursday, August 2 and display advertisements and editorial submissions by Thursday at 4 p.m. We hope everyone enjoys a safe holiday weekend.

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